श्री एस0एस0 अहलुवालिया : सभापति महोदय, उस पर बहस की जरूरत है...(**व्यवधान**)....

श्री मती सुषमा स्वराजः महोदय, यह एक बहुत बड़ा प्रश्न है, पहले इसका जवाब आ जाए ...(**व्यवधान**)....

श्री सभापतिः पहले एक –दो क्वेश्चन हो जाने दीजिए...(**व्यवधान**)....

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सभापति जी, ...(**व्यवधान**)....

श्री सभापतिः सदन की कार्यवाही दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at five minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Environmental clearance to Balachaur-Hoshiarpur-Dasuya Highway

*41. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal sent by the Punjab Government for removing/ cutting of trees for upgradation of the Balachaur-Hoshiarpur-Dasuya highway is pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, since when the request is pending; and

(c) by when, the clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such proposal for environmental clearance has been received. However, the proposal for diversion of 72.67 ha. of forest land for Balachaur-Garhshankar-Dasuya Highway was received. The area was subsequently reduced to 56.163 ha. In-principle approval for diversion of 56.153 ha. of forestland for the above project has been granted on

18.11.2005 subject to fulfilment of stipulated conditions by the State Government.

Commissions/Committees on rail accidents

*42. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up a special commission/committee to find out the reasons/causes of rail accidents;

(b) if so, the total number of such Commissions/Committees set up by Government during the last three months, month-wise; and

(c) when the reports of the Commissions/Committees are expected to be received by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the last three months no special commission/committee has been set up to find out reasons/causes of rail accidents nor any decision been taken to appoint any such commission/committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Relaxation of Coastal Zonal Regulation

*43. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought the relaxation of Coastal Zonal Regulation, 1991 for some areas in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the names of such areas;

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the proposal?